

REMARKS

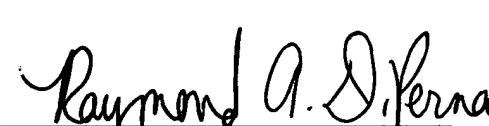
Claims 13-23 are pending in this application, with Claims 13, 22, and 23 being independent. Claims 1-12 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and will not be discussed further, although Applicant notes that he does not concede the propriety of the rejections of those claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 13-23.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims being allowed, Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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